

officers returned to make a second fire in the hold, and having no means of carrying the fire they fired up their shirt tails which bursted remarkably well. The Mexicans must be somewhat astonished when they find out how many diverse purposes a Yankee shirt may be put to; the other day at Tuxpan, it was a flag of truce—that is a "fathom" of one was.

Yours, &c. J.

# SYNOPSIS OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

The Secretary gives a full history of the commencement and progress of our Mexican war operations: the battles of Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma and Monterey are narrated; then we have the termination of the armistice; the conquest of Santa Fe and the Californias; and accounts of the various movements of our army. Satisfactory though not taking information has been received of the official information has been received of the taking of Monclova, but not Chihuahua. Gen. Kearney's detachment was expected to reach the Pacific about November last. The operations of Col. Fremont and Com. Stockton west of the Rocky Mountains, are referred to with commendation. Authentic information, but no official report, has been received of their operations. The military force of the United States has been augmented from 7,640 men to 30,000 men. The duties of the war department have been arduous and embarrassing. The department of Tannan, and the right bank of the Rio Grande for several hundred miles from its mouth, New Leon, Coahuila and Chihuahua have all been wrested from the enemy, and the Mexican army, civil and military, displaced in New Mexico and the Californias—all in the short space of seven months.

The regular army, under the law of last session, when filled up, would amount to 16,998, officers and men, but does not now exceed 10,300. Our success in the field is attributable probably to the large number of volunteers called out since the passage of the bill increasing the army. It is impossible to tell the number of troops which the exigencies of the war may require. The volunteers called out who have encountered the enemy, have more than justified the expectations formed of this description of troops; but it is no disparagement to them to say that regular forces would be preferred in a war to be prosecuted in a foreign country. Consistency of economy are also decidedly in favor of troops engaged to serve during the war. The Secretary is most solicitous that this subject should receive the attention of Congress, and that a body of troops should be raised to take the place of those volunteers who will claim a discharge at the end of their term of service.

The plan suggested by Gen. Macomb in his report in 1836, is recommended now in reference to regimental field officers. Provision should be made for officers committed by our troops, and by persons connected with the army. An increase of the regular army is recommended. The estimated appropriations for fortifications for next year amount to \$495,000. The report then goes on to speak of our national defenses, of our military and geographical engineers, and their present organization; of the ordnance bureau being inadequate; deficiency of the medical staff of the army; history of operations in mineral lands the past year; number of pension agents, 44, exclusive of Navy pensions, and number of pensioners about 20,000. The independent treasury system contemplates the employment of officers therein, and pension agents, and renders it doubtful whether those hitherto employed are not suspended. He recommends that authority be given to continue the present agents at a reasonable compensation. Three thousand four hundred and thirty-four Indians have been removed West of the Mississippi River since last annual report. New treaties with the Government are referred to, and the solicitude of Government to promote the welfare of the Indian tribes is feelingly expressed.—Exchange paper.

**Murder of Gen. Taylor's Servant by the Mexicans.**—The New York Herald contains a letter from Mexico, Nov. 24, which says that General Taylor's negro boy was murdered by two Mexicans last evening. The boy was sent by General Taylor after corn some distance from the camp, and while he was in the field procuring a load, two Mexicans fell upon him, armed with knives, and most brutally murdered him on the spot. From the appearance of the wounds, it was evident that he was instantly killed. His body was found soon after by a party of soldiers who happened to spy it, partially covered with the green corn the boy had cut. The murderers were arrested this morning, and turned over by Gen. Taylor to the Alcalde of the city to receive due punishment for the atrocious crime. They fully confessed their guilt, and were not in the least alarmed at the ultimate consequences.

**Mexican Privateers.**—We understand, says the N. Y. Courier & Enquirer, that private letters have been received by a mercantile house in Havana, stating positively that 75 letters of marque have been actually issued by the Mexican Government—that 25 vessels were fitted out at Havana for Privateers, and that they would sail on or before the 10th of Dec. This intelligence comes from a source entitled to a good degree of confidence. It may be suggested, however, that it is the interest of freighting vessels under neutral flags to raise such a report as this, it may possibly owe its origin to such a source.—Balt. City, Dec. 17.

**A Wealthy State.**—It is estimated that the products, manufactures, &c., of all kinds, in the State of N. York, yield an annual income to the people of the State of \$300,000,000.

# MARRIED.

In this county, on the 31st inst., by James Garrison, Mr. John W. Smith, and Miss Maria E. Young, daughter of Moses T. Boudreau.

In this county, on the 14th inst., by Rev. Mr. Caper, Mr. George H. Hill, and Miss Maria E. Young, daughter of Moses T. Boudreau.

In Wake county, on the 14th inst., by Rev. Mr. Caper, Mr. George H. Hill, and Miss Maria E. Young, daughter of Moses T. Boudreau.

In Washington city, on the 8th inst., Mr. Frank Grinnell, of Massachusetts, to Miss Maria E. Young, daughter of Moses T. Boudreau.

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# WILMINGTON MARKET.

## WHOLESALE PRICES.

Bacon—Hams,	7 1/2	a	8
Shoulders,	6 1/2	a	7
Hog round,	5 1/2	a	6
Western,	5 1/2	a	6
Butter,	14	a	20
BUT, bbl. mess,	9 00	a	20
prime,	5 00	a	6 00
Corn,	65	a	85
Meal,	8	a	95
Coffee,	8	a	9
COTTON,	8	a	6 1/2
CANDLES, tallow,	12	a	14
sperm,	30	a	31
Adamantine,	26	a	28
FEATHERS,	30	a	33
FLOUR—Canal,	6 50	a	33
Fayetteville,	5 50	a	5 75
HAT, Northern, per 100 lbs	70	a	75
INOS,	4 75	a	5 50
LARD,	75	a	85
Western, none	75	a	1 00
LUMBER—Steam mill,	8 00	a	8 50
River, Flooring boards,	8 00	a	8 50
wide, do,	6 00	a	7 00
Scantling,	6 00	a	6 50
Timber,	5 50	a	7 50
MAKERS, W. I.	19	a	23
McKENZIE, N. I. retail,	13	a	14
" "	7 50	a	8 00
" "	4 00	a	0 50
NAILS,	4 1/2	a	5
NAVAL STORES, Yellow, Tpt.	1 95	a	2 00
" "	1 95	a	2 00
hard, half price	1 25	a	1 50
Gin,	1 25	a	1 50
Pitch,	1 25	a	1 50
Rosin No. 1,	1 00	a	1 12 1/2
" 2,	60	a	70
Sp. Turp.	37 1/2	a	38
" "	37 1/2	a	38
Oil, Sperm,	13	a	1 00
Pease, Ground,	75	a	75
Black eye,	65	a	70
Cow,	65	a	70
PORK,—per bbl.	12 50	a	13 00
Northern Mess,	10 00	a	10 50
Prime,	3 50	a	4 00
fresh,	3 50	a	4 00
Rice,	3 50	a	4 00
rough, bush,	30	a	40
SALT, Turke Island, bush,	30	a	40
Liverpool, sack,	none	a	40
SOAP,	4	a	5
SHOULDER, country,	2 25	a	2 50
contract,	24	a	26
SEEDS, Northern Rum,	24	a	26
" "	24	a	26
Whiskey,	27	a	30
Apple Brand, y,	12 1/2	a	25
STEEL,	15	a	16
SEAVES, W. O. B. rough,	15	a	16
dressed, 7,	—	a	8 00
R. O. H. d. rough,	—	a	8 00
dressed, 7,	—	a	8 00
SUGAR, West India,	7	a	8
New Orleans,	6 1/2	a	7 1/2
leaf,	13	a	14
TALLOW,	7	a	8
Tobacco, leaf,	3 00	a	3 75
VARNISH,	20	a	25
WINE, S. d. c.	70	a	2 50
Port,	70	a	2 00
Malaga,	34	a	45

## BANK RATES OF EXCHANGE, WILMINGTON.

Bank checks on Philadelphia, 1 pr. ct. prem.

" " New York, 1 pr. ct. prem.

" " Boston, 1 pr. ct. prem.

## RATES OF FREIGHT HENCE TO NEW YORK.

Naval Stores, 25 a 30 cts. Spirits Turp 50 per bbl.

Rice, 12 cts. per hundred

Cotton, 51 pr. bale.

Cotton goods and yarns, 50 cts. pr. wds.

Tobacco, \$3 00 per hoghead.

Lumber, \$4 a \$6 00 per m.

To Philadelphia—Spirits 50c Naval Stores, 25 a 30c. Lumber \$5.

Cotton goods and yarns, to Philadelphia, 6 cts per cubic foot.

To Baltimore—Spirits 50c. Naval Stores, 30 a 35c. Lumber \$4 1/2.

Cotton, \$1 25. Yarns 6c. per cubic foot.

To Boston—Spirits 50c. Naval Stores, 35c.

# WILMINGTON MARKET—Dec. 24.

**Naval Stores.**—The market for Turpentine remained dull during Friday and Saturday last. This we attribute to the freshest of last week, which enabled producers above tide-way to enter the market freely on Monday. Some 12,000 to 15,000 barrels have arrived, pretty much all of which has changed hands at \$2 and \$1 90; and in some instances at \$1 95. The greater part of which was taken by distillers. This morning there appears a good disposition with buyers to keep up the price at our quotations, and as the river is now falling, the probability is that our quotations will be fully maintained. *Spirits Turpentine* has declined to 37 1/2 a 38c., with but few sales. *Rosin*—We hear of no transactions. *Turp.*—Several lots have changed hands at a decline, in some instances, of 12 1/2c. per bbl. We quote for last sales \$1 15.

**P. S.**—Since the above report was made up, sales of Turpentine have been made at \$2 00, and the article is in demand.

**Timber.**—Some 30 or 40 rafts have reached the market on the late freight, nearly all of which have been taken by Millers at quotations, at which the market is firm.

**Lumber.**—There is a good demand for Wide boards and Scantling, at quotations. Quarter Flooring boards are dull.

**Shingles.**—Have received a shade. We quote for last sales \$2 25 a \$2 50.

**Hay.**—Received since our last 220 bales, which was sold on landing at 70 a 75 cents per hundred.

**Peas.**—See quotations.

**Bacon.**—Our figures above will give a correct state of the market.

**Corn.**—None arrived since our last report. The cargo mentioned last week has gone into store, and is held at 75 cents.

**W.**—We refer to our quotations for a correct state of the market.

# CHAIRS.

144 COMMON Wood Seat, 95 Turned

24 roll wood seat Nurse,

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# CHARLESTON MARKET—Dec. 19.

**COTTON.**—The sales for the week amount to 1740 bales, at prices ranging from \$10 to 10 cents per lb.

**RICE.**—The transactions may be classed as follows:—

1,000 tiers, at prices ranging from \$10 to 10 cents per lb.

3,116 to 34 and the balance from \$3 10 to 34 and upwards for a strictly prime article. Received this week 345 tiers.

**RAUOH RICE.**—Received since our last, 54,000 bushels. The transactions comprise upwards 30,000 bushels, principally at 50 and 60 cents.

**GRAIN.**—4,000 bushels of Maryland corn, of common quality, hatched under hand at 61 cts per bushel. Several cargoes North Carolina, have, during the last fortnight, sold at 54 and 55 cts.

**FAYETTEVILLE MARKET—Dec. 19.**

The arrivals of produce continue large and trade generally active. Very plenty, and sales at 50 cents.

Flour sold at \$4 50 to 6 00. Cotton advancing, and sales at 54 to 55. Flax seed not desirable at \$1. No other changes of produce. Still sold at \$2 50 to \$2 75, though in other markets some are asked the supply nearly exhausted. Very little sugar in the market, and prices high. Coffee also a shade advanced, in anticipation of a fair expected to be imposed by tax and coffee.

# NEW YORK MARKET—Dec. 19.

**Turpentine, Wilmington, wh, \$** 3 50

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Spirits Turpentine, 40 a 44

Rice, per cwt, 2 00 a 2 25

NAVY STORES.—The arrivals of Turpentine continue very light, and there is little or no demand—

held nominally at our quotations—Spirits Turpentine, however, some new lots have arrived, and are sold at 42 1/2 cts. Cash, Turp. and Rosin still in small lots, there being but very little sugar in the market, and prices high. Coffee also a shade advanced, in anticipation of a fair expected to be imposed by tax and coffee.

**RYE.**—The market is dull and unsettled, the entire bulk of the week amounting to 300 cts, of all descriptions at \$3 12 1/2 a \$4 12 1/2, cash, prime parcels are still held at 42 1/2 cts. The stock is moderate, not sufficient for the present demand.

# MYERS & BARNUM.

**MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN**

Hats, Caps, Bonnets, Umbrellas, Walking Canes, &c. &c.

RESPECTFULLY call the attention of the citizens of Wilmington and vicinity, to their large and well assorted stock of

the old stand of C. MYERS, North side of Market street, which we offer at wholesale and retail, cheaper than ever.

**Genl's Beaver, Nutria, Mole skin, and Silk Hats,**

of Beech & Coster's and Lowry's Fall Fashion for 1846, a splendid article, just received, and at "few more left of the same sort." Please call and examine them. Also, a very large assortment of

**Men's, Boys', & Infants' Caps,**

of the latest and most approved patterns. Genl's French soft Dress, Silk Veil, and Cloth "caps; Genl's French Guard do: Blue and Black Spring Band, Pale, Old, Oregon, Old Silk, Velvet, Glazed Lawn, &c. &c.

**Youths' and Boys' Caps**

of every style and quality, from 12 1/2 cents to \$2.50 the largest assortment ever offered in this market, and at astonishing low prices. A beautiful article of Infants' Caps, Silk, Velvet, &c. to which we particularly call the attention of those wanting Caps for children. In fact, every article in our line we have a rich and full assortment, to which we respectfully call the attention of the Public, and warrant a genteel fit, and at prices to suit the times.

Wilmington, Oct. 30, 1846. 7-1/2

THE Subscriber would express his gratitude to his Friends and Customers, for their liberal patronage, heretofore extended towards him in Wilmington. The same business will hereafter be conducted under the name and firm of MYERS & BARNUM, at the old stand.

C. MYERS.

# NEW STORE.

**CHEAP DRY GOODS!**

**FOR CASH.**

THE subscriber having taken the store on the South side of Market street, a few doors East of Front street, formerly occupied by Mr. Charles Marchal, begs leave to inform the public that he has received, and is now opening, a very large assortment of

**DRY GOODS,**

Among which may be found, Calicoes from 64 to 123 cents per yard; Super superfine and extra fine, of excellent quality; Ginghams from 64 to 15 cents per yard; a superior article; Moss-in-Do Laines of all qualities; Red Cashmeres, in pieces; Red Cashmeres; Alpaca; a very large assortment of Trimmings, cheapest ever offered for sale in this city; new styles of Ribbons, from 1 to 75 cents; an elegant, and a variety of Ribbons of all sorts; a very large assortment of

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